



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

January 2024

*Helping people make  
life-changing connections  
with God through  
Jesus Christ.*

## Finding a Watch Word for 2024

I have friend who is a Moravian Christian Pastor. We studied together at Luther Seminary. Moravians are a church born of the Lutheran Reformation in 16<sup>th</sup> century Germany. Tracy tells me that Moravian Christians have an annual tradition of choosing a “watch word” for each year. At the beginning of the year, leaders place scripture citations in a bowl, and worshippers draw a watch word for the year. They memorize the scripture they pull and let it speak to them throughout the year, reciting it several times a day, reflecting on it throughout the year.

I've drawn on this tradition in working with youth. I've had them choose a “Guiding Word” at the beginning of each confirmation season. I've had them memorize it, write about it, reflect on it, and conduct a project based on it. For a year, the students reflect on scripture and wonder what it means for them.



It's January, and a new year is on us. How might the Word of the Lord guide you in the coming year? I'd like to encourage you to choose a Watch Word or Guiding Word for the year. God will bless you richly through doing so, helping you interact with a particular scripture as you make your way through 2024. Below are some suggested passages from which you may choose.

### Some Potential Watch Words or Guiding Words

Job: 19:25-27	I know that my redeemer lives.
Psalm 23	The Lord is my Shepherd.
Psalm 121	My help comes from the Lord.
Luke 1:46-50	God has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Luke 12:32-34	Do not be afraid... Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.
John 1:1-5	Jesus is the Word, a light shining in the darkness.
John 3:14-17	Believing in Jesus brings eternal life.
John 10:11-15	Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd who lays down his life.”
John 14:1-6	Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth and the life....”
Romans 6:3-5	In Holy Baptism we are joined with Jesus in death and resurrection.
Romans 8:26-28	The Spirit helps us in our weakness.
1 Cor. 1:16-21	The foolish message of the cross is the power of God for salvation.
Gal. 2:16, 19b-20	Crucified with Christ, Christ lives in me.

You can easily learn your chosen Guiding Word by reciting it when you get up in the morning or when you lie down at night. You can tape it to your mirror. You might consider placing it in your car... No matter how you use it, God will bless you through it.

## Join Search Bible Study!

Grow in faith and engage in great conversations. Join us at Search Bible Study, in the Hospitality area, Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

## It is the New Year!

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NRSV**



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is the New Year! The world of 2023 has come to an end and has ushered in 2024. As the scripture above states, "Look, new things have come into being!" One can wonder what new things will come into being in 2024.

The holidays take a lot of energy out of us, and when the holidays come to an end, we are physically, mentally, and spiritually spent. This is the time of year when the magic of the holiday fades into distant memories, leaving us a little less patient and a little more irritable. This is also the time of year when we keep fueling our frustrations by writing 2023 for the year when it is indeed 2024.

During the last Theology on Tap Bible study at Point Burger Bar, a brave soul asked if Christmas lost its luster for others sitting at the table. It took a lot of courage for him to ask a question about feeling less than celebratory during Christmas. Yet, his question was an excellent place to dive in and examine how others experience the holiday season in their current life context.

Christmas can be a magical time for many people in our culture. However, as we live in this world, we become connected in relationships with other people, places, or things. Sometimes, we lose connection with our relationships, and especially during the holidays, the loss can trigger pain. So, the group wrestled with the idea that celebrating Christmas can take a toll on us physically, mentally, and spiritually, especially if we have lived longer than fifty years.

As we live in this world, we will experience much loss, especially the loss of relationships. The loss of people, places, or things can make it more challenging to celebrate Christmas gloriously as we once did in the past.

Christmas is a gift, but Christmas can also be difficult for those who have experienced loss or trauma. However, Jesus is always present, especially during this time of year. There is a reason that Blue Christmas services have become more prominent. It seems that people's hurt has impacted Christmas and led them to Jesus, which, in some ways, is good news. It is possible to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and our loss, knowing that God is with us as we celebrate and lament, especially during the holidays. We can always stand in solidarity, which can be something new for 2024.

Most of the celebration of Christmas is over, and we now look forward to Epiphany and Pastor Steve's birthday. Pastor Steve's birthday is on January 6<sup>th</sup>, which he will not celebrate because having a birthday after Christmas takes too much energy. However, maybe this is a good time for rest. The holidays are over, and it is a time for some normalcy.

Yet, the Lenten season and Easter are just around the corner, which then leads to the beginning of spring and then summer. Then, the school year starts. We rally on rally day, and then it returns to Christmas again. Whoa, it's already 2025, even before 2024 has begun.

Happy New Year!

Peace be with you all,

Pastor Steve Bogie



## Thank you

Thank you to all of our musicians who helped lead worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons. You all helped make this such a meaningful season with your beautiful music, and all of your hard work to get ready for the worship services! Thank you to everyone who came to the Milwaukee Festival Brass holiday concert on Friday, December 15. It was a fantastic concert, and they appreciated both being at St. Luke's and how many people showed up.

## Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Upcoming Events

We have several upcoming events as a part of the Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's concert series this year! For more information, you can always check the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board by Door 3 or check out the St. Luke's website. More events may be added throughout the year, so stay tuned!

## Wisconsin Philharmonic JanBoree Family Concert

On Sunday, January 21, the Wisconsin Philharmonic will be back for their annual JanBoree concert with an instrument petting zoo at 1:00 p.m., and a concert at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, and these are always family friendly concerts.

## Michael Schaner's Carroll Organ Recital Postponed

Michael's recital on Friday, February 9, at Carroll in Shattuck Auditorium has been postponed due to ongoing issues with the organ in Shattuck. These issues have temporarily rendered the organ unusable, and will be addressed. But for now the recital has been postponed. Stay tuned for the rescheduled date!

## Valparaiso Chorale

On Monday, March 4, the Valparaiso Chorale will be in concert at St. Luke's at 7:00 p.m. More information will be coming, but we will need to provide housing for students that evening. Students come in pairs and need a place to sleep and breakfast the next morning. Stay tuned for more information!

## Holy Week

As we look towards Holy Week (which is so weird to say as I type this in December!), on Good Friday Voices of Faith will present chorales from *The St. John Passion* by J.S. Bach. 2024 marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *The St. John Passion*, so we are honored to be a part of that observance throughout the world. In fact, in July Michael Schaner will be attending a conference with a performance of the entire passion with historical instruments at Valparaiso University.

## Christmas Cookie Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who supported the cookie sale by baking, frosting, purchasing and eating cookies in December! We sold out and raised just over \$1,000 for youth programming. Without your support this would not have happened. THANK YOU!

## Penny War 2024

The Youth of St. Luke's are at it again and have challenged the adult leaders to a Penny War during the month of January and beginning of February. The leaders again said yes to this fundraiser, BUT the youth must also step up and risk a potential pie in the face. All proceeds raised will help to offset costs to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The "winner" of the Penny War honor will be the one with the highest points total at the end. Paper bills, checks and electronic giving will be positive points. Noisy money (coins) will be negative points. Reminder to our clever youth; Only legal tender counts toward point totals. Sorry, Monopoly bills and hand drawn bills, although clever, do not count in the point totals.



## Kwik Trip Card Fundraiser

Thank you all who have purchased Kwik Trip cards. A reminder that we plan to make this an on-going year-round fundraiser; so for those that use Kwik Trip on a regular basis, please consider purchasing gift cards through St. Luke's to use for your regular gas and grocery purchases and the youth will get a portion of your everyday purchases. In addition to the gift, gas and grocery cards, we also have 5-count car wash cards available. Cards are available for purchase either via an order form, available on the Welcome Station, or directly from the stock on hand Sunday mornings. Contact Cari with any questions or to order cards.

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church Core Values

Honoring God and serving Jesus Christ:

1. We share Jesus Christ and make disciples.
2. We worship God together.
3. We are curious, courageous, and open to the Holy Spirit.
4. We celebrate children and lift up families as they are.
5. We practice kindness and uphold the dignity of each individual.
6. We are committed to being an inclusive community of grace.
7. We stand ready to serve and advocate for our neighbors.
8. We honor our past and look to God's future for us.

**The deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is Monday, January 15.**

### January's Council Contact Brian Edlbeck

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### January Monthly Mission: Lutheran Disaster Response

This organization of the ELCA brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

Lutheran Disaster Response provides ongoing assistance to those affected by wildfires, hurricanes, tsunamis, flooding, earthquakes, drought, war and conflicts.

## Memorials

In gratitude, we received memorials to support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's. You, too, can memorialize others with gifts to St. Luke's. You can also honor loved ones with honorariums given to St. Luke's. Memorials and honorariums will be listed here each month. During the month of November, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

In Memory of	Given By	Designation
Lillian Kieck	Ginny Dietzler	Undesignated
Lillian Kieck	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Youth
Lillian Kieck	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Lillian Kieck	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment

## Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your existing on-line giving, please log on to our website and click the "Online Giving" tab on the right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a special designation for your Thrivent Choice dollars? All Thrivent Choice dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you know where you want your Thrivent Choice dollars to go, please let us know by calling or emailing Cindy in the finance office.

## What's Our Spending Plan?

Learn more about what your gifts to St. Luke's makes possible. Discover more about the finances of the church. The Finance Committee will present information about the church's spending plan at a listening session Sunday, February 4, at 9:30 a.m. This session will be held in the chapel.

## Annual Meeting

St. Luke's Lutheran will gather for its Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 11, following the completion of the first service, around 9:15 a.m. At the annual meeting we'll hold elections, approve the budget, and more. See the Annual Report for the complete agenda, available late January 2024.

## Use your phone to give.

Point your camera at the QR code to use Omella to make an online gift. Your gifts will be counted as offerings and will support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's Lutheran.



## Readers' Choir – Seeking Volunteers

We are currently seeking volunteers who would be interested in participating in the Readers' Choir on Palm Sunday weekend, March 23 and 24, to read the Passion of Christ. We need 16 volunteers, 8 to read at the Saturday night service and 8 to read at BOTH Sunday services. We hope to have a multi-generational choir this year. We will have 3 to 4 practices in February and March. Exact dates and time will be announced at a later date. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cari or Pastor Steve.

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8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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**Youth Group (Y.G.)**

High School Youth Group is open to all youth in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Friends are always welcome. We would love to have you join us in the Youth Room for faith and fellowship.

The focus for January will be the planning and leading the Worship Services the last week of January. Please plan join DT in the Youth Room during the Education Hour, 9:20 to 10:25 a.m., during the month of January.

**January Activities**

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1/14 Cinnamon Rolls 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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1/21 Planning Youth Led Worship 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.

1/27 Youth Led Service Practice and Final Preparation 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Youth Led Service 5:00 p.m.

\*Dinner will be provided

1/28 Youth Led Service 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

\*Breakfast will be provided in between services

**Looking Ahead**

Noisy Offering Collection for the local Food Pantry first TWO weekends of February after all services.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper— February 13

**Discipleship Training (D.T.)**

D.T. is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth (or older youth) who wish to affirm their baptism. The focus for this year will be our Lutheran Heritage. Please keep this ministry and students in your prayers as they dive deeper and explore their faith. D.T. generally meets Sundays during the Education Hour, 9:20 to 10:25 a.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the Education Hour. Contact Cari ([youth@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org)) for additional information.

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Lenten Mentorship on Wednesdays begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14

**Lenten Mentorship**

Reminder to all DT Youth that you need to find your Lenten Mentor and give their name and contact information to Cari no later than January 31. Your mentor should agree to meet with you on Wednesday for dinner and guided conversation then attend each Wednesday Evening Lenten Service with you. Please note that for Ash Wednesday, February 14, there will be no dinner, (service only). You will attend the Ash Wednesday Service with your mentor.

## Fall 2024 Preschool Enrollment Time!

It may be chilly outside, but January is the hottest month for preschool registration! If your child/grandchild will be 2, 3, or 4 years of age by 9/1/24 this information is for you! Now is the time to call with your questions and to arrange a visit before the registration process begins. All classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Preschool enrollment dates are as follows:

**January 17:** Priority registration day for families with children currently enrolled in the Preschool program.

**January 24:** Registration for St. Luke's church members, families with children currently enrolled in the Child Care program at St. Luke's, and families who have had children in our Preschool program in past years

**February 1:** Enrollment is open to the community. Spread the word!

## Save the Dates and Tell Your Friends!

St. Luke's Preschool features small class sizes, weekly music classes, Bible stories and songs, Chapel Chats with a pastor, service projects, Pre-K readiness, field trips, and much more. More details can be found at [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org).

Children entering the 3 and 4 year classes must be toilet trained.

Classes follow the school year calendar and the following options will be available for fall 2024:

**2 Years by 9/1/24:** First Steps to Preschool 1 morning a week, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Child must be accompanied by an adult.

**3 Years by 9/1/24:** Classes 2 mornings a week, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**4 Years by 9/1/24:** Classes 2 or 3 mornings a week, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Many families choose to attend our Preschool in the morning and our School District of Waukesha 4K in the afternoon.

Contact Liz at 262-522-6747 or [landerson@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:landerson@stlukeslutheran.org) to learn how your child or grandchild can be a part of the St. Luke's Preschool experience.

## Prayer Ministry

How can we pray for you, a friend or a loved one? Our Prayer Team is here for prayer support during the trials and joys of daily life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, could use a note of encouragement or get well wishes, or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser at [irohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:irohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org)

## Prayer Team

What a privilege it is to lift up the needs of others before God! The need for prayer and prayer-ers grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. No meetings and passing on requests are not needed. You will receive prayer requests via email or, a direct phone call from a designated person. You are asked to pray daily for that request. No specific time or type of prayer. Simply ask God to guide you as you pray. Did you know you can pray anywhere and at any time? How about in the shower or brushing your teeth? What about when you're at one of your children's practices or games? How about while waiting for an appointment? All are acceptable places to pray. Prayer time can be as long or as short as you choose. All we ask is that you lift these people up daily in prayer. Please consider this vital ministry. Contact Laurie Rohrwasser to be a part of this ministry team.

## Sunday School

Our Christmas detour off of the Old Testament is almost over, but we can't forget about Epiphany! The first Sunday of January we'll learn about the Wise Men and Epiphany. Then we get to jump back into the Old Testament and learn about Moses.

Now is a great time for anyone who hasn't been to Sunday School to join us! Our focus is learning a Bible story, but there's always time for a game or craft, and snacks seem to just appear! The kids and teachers all have a fun time together, and the kids get to go home with a lesson and activity sheet to share with the family. We meet at 9:20 a.m. downstairs in the fellowship hall, and finish in the sanctuary at 10:20 a.m. I hope you'll join us soon!

January 7 - Wise Men

January 14 - Baby Moses

January 21 - Burning Bush

January 28 - Free From Slavery

## Women of Faith Bible Study

Women of Faith Bible Study will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The book we are using is "They Walked with God, 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us" by Max Lucado. Books can be purchased in various forms on Amazon or from your favorite book seller. Join us, ALL are welcome! For more information, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser at [irohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:irohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org)

## Community Meal

Join us for Thursday evening community meal from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. We provide a healthy meal for our families and youth every Thursday between youth choir rehearsals. All are welcome to join us for this time together.

## Please Update Your Personal Information with Us

We are in the process of creating an updated Guidebook Directory for 2024. Please contact the office via email or phone if you've had any recent changes to your personal information (phone, address, email and/or name changes). Please also let us know if you would NOT like your information published.

## Serving in Worship

There are a variety of ways to serve the community whenever we worship. Each of the ways are equally important to our weekly experience of God's grace. You can serve as a lector, an usher, a member of the altar guild, a communion assistant and more. We use "Ministry Scheduler Pro," an online tool, to help people schedule their worship ministry involvement. If you have an account on Ministry Scheduler Pro, you received an email inviting you to update your profile and involvement. That email also contained your credentials to log in. The spotlight section of our website's homepage also has a link to our Ministry Scheduler that you can follow. Our goal is to develop schedules that use the many gifts and talents present in our congregation. Please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro, update your profile, and let us know any dates you are not available to serve.

## Epistle Online

Are you still receiving a paper copy of The Epistle in the mail? Reading The Epistle online saves paper and postage, allows you to print only the pages you want, includes live links. If you would like to receive our weekly **Connections** email and our monthly newsletter, The Epistle, by email please contact the church office at 262-542-2545 or [office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org).

## Planning a Wedding?

Our website has information about getting married at or through St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Download the *Preparing for a Wedding* booklet from the weddings page of our website and you can learn about ceremonies in our sanctuary, chapel, or offsite. Visit [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org) for information.

## Welcome to the Font: A Baptismal Gathering

Pre-baptismal gathering, *Welcome to the Font*, is scheduled quarterly in our church. *Welcome to the Font* is a time for parents preparing for baptism to join together with other parents while learning about God's work for them and their children in Holy Baptism. *Welcome to the Font* is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Baptisms are scheduled only after attending a *Welcome to the Font* gathering. To attend "Welcome to the Font" call the church office at 262-542-2545.

## Preparing for a Funeral

Our ministry of walking with people at times of death is an important work of this church. To help families prepare for a funeral, we've developed a booklet entitled, *Preparing for a Funeral*. You can download this resource from the funerals page of our website. Our pastors are available for any who would like to prepare for a funeral.

## Knit While You Pray

Please join us for Prayer Shawl Ministry the first and third Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. We are looking to grow our ministry. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to teach you. Attendance is not required. You can donate items made at home: Prayer Patches, Prayer Shawls, and Lap Robes. Please call Gloria at (262) 547-8096, if you have any questions.

## Sew With Us

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. We meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have questions, (262) 547-7818.

## Poinsettia and Christmas Decorations

The Worship Committee was again overjoyed at the abundant gifts given for our Christmas decor of poinsettia plants, wreaths, and trees. Poinsettias were delivered to our homebound members, and we received their heartfelt thanks.

Poinsettias in the church will be available to take home, especially for those of you who contributed. Please feel free to pick them up any time after the December 31 services.

Again, our thanks for your generosity in making our worship space so beautiful and that memorialized so many of our loved ones.

## **Extending Care for You**

Our pastors make visits and calls to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care from our pastors, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information.

## **Support the Food Pantry**

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door.

## **Hope Center Request**

Items that are needed are, men's clothing, especially jeans and sneakers, all sizes, men's shoes/work boots, sizes: 9 to 15, men's boxer/boxer briefs, sizes S to XL, women's low rise briefs sizes: 4 to 9, hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lotion, shower curtains and liners, toasters, new or gently used countertop microwaves and coffee makers.

## **Help For the Hope Center**

There are many ways to help the Hope Center. 1.) Weekly teams are needed to assist with cleaning and installation work at the new location that is preparing to open soon! Contact Dennis Voit at (262) 993-0106 for details. 2.) Sorters are needed in the Clothing Shop, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 3.) Prep and serve breakfast 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Day Center Monday to Friday, open dates vary. You can volunteer as a group or as an individual to sort clothing donations or serve meals, by contacting Terri Helminiak, Hope Center Volunteer Coordinator, (262) 549-8726 ext. 203, or [thelminiak@hopecenterwi.org](mailto:thelminiak@hopecenterwi.org).

## **Remembering the Church**

Giving to the church in memory of someone who has died is a great way to make a gift. Naming the church as a recipient of memorials is a powerful way to support the ministry that has supported you throughout your life. Memorials are used for a variety of purposes. When giving or designating memorials, you can choose to have gifts given to certain ongoing projects of the church such as music ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and so on. You can also choose to leave memorials undesignated, in which case the funds will be used to support needs as they arise. Memorial gifts are acknowledged in our monthly newsletter. If you have questions about memorials, talk with Pastor Jordan. He will help you think about ways you can make an impact through memorial giving.

## **Good Samaritan Fund**

### **Continues Ministry**

We are blessed to have been able to help so many people through the Good Samaritan Fund. We have helped people secure housing, stay in their homes, afford medicine, participate in drug/alcohol programs, pay for funeral expenses, care for children and so much more. Your help in boosting its balance would allow us to continue to care for people who come to the church looking for help. You can contribute by putting your gift in an envelope clearly marked for the Good Samaritan Fund. Place your gifts in the offering or drop them off in the office. Thank you!

## **CLM Preschool Scholarship**

Did you know that you can make an offering towards the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund? This fund is set aside specifically for families within our half-day Preschool program that need financial assistance, or for families that wish to enroll in Preschool but cannot afford full tuition. Offerings to the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund can be made through your regular giving envelope or through on-line giving. Thank you!

## **Committing to Worship**

We are encouraging each other all year long to commit/recommit to deeper engagement in worship. Perhaps you've drifted away from regular worship attendance. Come back and let God feed you in the Word and at the table of Holy Communion. Maybe while you're here, you might be called to participate more fully in the liturgies we speak and sing together. Commit yourself/yourselves to deeper engagement in worship. The more you engage God in worship, the deeper your relationship with him grows.

# St. Luke's Calendar for January 2024

<b>Monday, January 1 - Office Closed</b>	6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice	<b>Monday, January 22</b>
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon		8:00 a.m. Amigos!
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b>	<b>Saturday, January 13</b>	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon
8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble	5:00 p.m. Worship	<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club		8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.		4:00 p.m. O.A.
<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>
6:00 p.m. Godsbells	9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday	9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
7:00 p.m. N.A.	9:20 a.m. D.T., S.S. & Y.G.	6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith	9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee	7:00 p.m. N.A.
	9:30 a.m. Germany Trip	7:00 p.m. Square Dancers
	Interest Meeting	7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith
	9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal	<b>Thursday, January 25</b>
	6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	<b>Monday, January 15</b>	5:00 p.m. Community Meal
9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl	8:00 a.m. Amigos!	5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle	6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice
5:00 p.m. Community Meal	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	<b>Saturday, January 27</b>
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith	7:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked	2:30 p.m. Youth Service Practice
<b>Saturday, January 6</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 16</b>	5:00 p.m. Worship—Youth Led
5:00 p.m. Worship	8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble	<b>Sunday, January 28</b>
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	4:00 p.m. O.A.	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Youth Led
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Finance Committee	9:20 a.m. D.T., S.S. & Y.G.
9:20 a.m. D.T., S.S. & Y.G.	6:30 p.m. Congregation Council	9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
10:15 a.m. Van Pickup	<b>Wednesday, January 17</b>	10:15 a.m. Van Pickup
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee	9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study	11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	6:00 p.m. Godsbells	6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	7:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>Monday, January 29</b>
8:00 a.m. Amigos!	7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith	8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon
<b>Tuesday, January 9</b>	9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl	<b>Tuesday, January 30</b>
8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble	4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.	5:00 p.m. Community Meal	4:00 p.m. O.A.
6:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee	6:30 p.m. Women of Faith	<b>Wednesday, January 31</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>	<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study	5:00 p.m. Worship	6:00 p.m. Godsbells
5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee		7:00 p.m. N.A.
6:00 p.m. Godsbells	<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	7:00 p.m. Square Dancers
6:15 p.m. CLM Board Meeting	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship	7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith
7:00 p.m. N.A.	9:20 a.m. D.T., S.S. & Y.G.	
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers	10:15 a.m. Van Pickup	
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith	1:00 p.m. Philharmonic Concert & Petting Zoo	
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise		
5:00 p.m. Community Meal		



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## The Pastors Jordan To Lead a Trip to Germany

Join Pastors Kimberly and Lindsay Jordan for a twelve-day learning tour focused on Reformation history in the land of Martin Luther. Autumn in Germany is beautiful. Friends and members of St. Luke's are invited to experience castles, breathtaking scenery, history, wine country, a cruise on the Rhine River, sites related to the 16th century reformation, Checkpoint Charlie, The Berlin Wall, cathedrals, museums, and a whole lot more! Visit [www.stlukeslutheran.org/germany2024](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org/germany2024) for more information. You can pick up a tour brochure at the welcome center. It has a complete itinerary in it. Call the church office if you'd like it emailed to you (262-888-0568). We'll travel in a comfortable bus to the many sites of this fantastic tour, even stepping into France and Switzerland. You'll experience and appreciate sites of interest related to the historical figures such as: Martin Luther, Johann S. Bach, Philip Melanchthon, Johanne Wolfgang von Goethe, Ludwig Beethoven, Johannes Gutenberg, and more. The tour begins September 9, 2024.



## Germany Trip Interest Meeting

Already, 15 people have signed up to go to Germany in September 2024. Might you be joining us? Learn more about the trip at a special interest meeting on Sunday, January 14, 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. PJ will show pictures, share insights, answer questions, etc. Do you know somebody who might like to travel with us? Invite them to the meeting.

## Please Remember

All calendar dates and times are subject to change as needed. Check for updates on the online calendar at: [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org).